



November 13, 2018

Joshua Mahoney
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
1685 E Street
Fresno, CA 93706

Re: Comments regarding the tentative Order ("Famoso Hills Ranch Water Project") for E&B Natural Resources Management Corporation and Sherwood Hills, LLC.

Dear Mr. Mahoney:

We are writing to express our support for the project proposed by E&B Natural Resources Management Corporation (E&B) and Sherwood Hills, LLC (Sherwood). The Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce KCHCC is a non-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian organization. It is a recognized Hispanic business resource and leader in the economic and business development of Kern County. As the largest Hispanic business organization in the region, the KCHCC helps businesses access the developing, dynamic Hispanic marketplace.

As a business leader, we understand the benefits of this project. We strive to support industries that promote and employ the Hispanic community. The Famoso Hills Ranch Water Project represents an innovative solution for growing our much-needed food supply in California while preserving our precious groundwater supply.

This additional clean and reliable irrigation water supply benefits local agriculture and enhances our ability to provide food for people far beyond our borders. In addition to the environmental benefits, the applicants' project will have positive impacts on the economic well-being of the people in Bakersfield, Kern County and surrounding communities in both jobs and tax revenues.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Tamsi".

Jay Tamsi, President/CEO
Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

cc: Amy Roth